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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 8, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1-17 were subject to an election requirement. An election of one of the following patentably distinct species was required.

Species I comprising FIGS. 1-6B;

Species II comprising FIGS. 7-9B;

Species III comprising FIGS. 10-11B;

Species IV comprising FIGS. 12-13B;

Species V comprising FIGS. 14-15B;

Species VI comprising FIGS. 16A-16B; and

Species VII comprising FIG. 17.

In response, Applicant elects Species I comprising Figs. 1-6B. Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 14 are readable on Species I.

Applicant submits that the patent application is in condition for allowance and requests a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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